existing formula as 'guidelines' so as to link the allocation of power with the need for capacity to pay. Under the 'guidelines' power from new Central Sector Power Stations will be made to the States/UTs as per their entitlement subject to the power purchase agreements to be signed with CPSUs concerned.

(c) and (d) As per information available, no specific request has been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh for providing additional power to meet the demand for flood lighting.

Setting up of power projects by private/public sector companies in N.E. States

†3509. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of power projects set up in North-Eastem States by private sector and public sector companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has not been any effective improvement in North-Eastem States even after the setting up of above projects; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATIJAYA WANTIMEHTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Media reports captioned: 'rolls-royce powers Andhra bribe'

3510. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN A RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention has been drawn to the media reports captioned 'Rolls-Royce powers Andhra bribe';

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action proposed against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAY A WANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reference is to reports in the British Media stating that the Rolls Royce Company (a UK based firm) had allegedly made secret pay-offs to an Indian firm, Towanda Services Ltd., to secure bids for the 'Engineering, Procurement & Construction' (EPC) as well as the O&M contract in relation to the 208 MW Godavari power project being implemented in Andhra Pradesh by M/s. Spectrum Power Generation Limited (SPGL).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Godavari project is a State Sector project which was awarded to the private company by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The Power Purchase Agreement in respect of the project has been entered into between the private project developers and the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board.

Allotment of Coal to Thermal Power Plants

†3511. SHRI MUNA WAR HASAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise details of the quantity of coal allotted toThermal Power Plants by Government during the last three years ;

(b) whether the States have demanded more coal during the said period; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER : (SHRIMATIJAYA WANTI MEHTA): (a) State-wise details of quantum of coal allocated to the Thermal Power Plants during the last three years are given in the Annexure *[See* Appendix 198, AnnexureNo. 14]

(b) and (c) The quantity of coal supplied by Coal Companies to Thermal Power Stations were adequate to maintain their generation in full and no generation loss on account of inadequate coal supply has been reported. However, in view of cash and carry scheme in operation for supply of coal, at times, supply of coal is regulated on accunt of non-payment of coal dues by power utilities.

Package to reform the SEBs

3512. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the Press news-item captioned >|Rs. 40,000 crore package to rein in SEBs losses" as reported in the media;

(b)if so, whether the Union Government has put together a massive package to reform the SEBs;

(c) if so, the details of the SEBs to be affected by this package; and

(d) the overall growth of power sector due to implementation of the package on SEBs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYA WANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.